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## **REMARKS**

The Request for Continued examination (RCE) has been filed, and entry of the previous amendment dated February 18, 2004 has been requested. In addition to the amendment, a new claim (Claim 12) has been added. Support for Claim 12 can be found in Fig. 1, for example. Accordingly, Claim 1-12 are pending in this application. The amendments do not constitute the addition of new matter to the application. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments.

Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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